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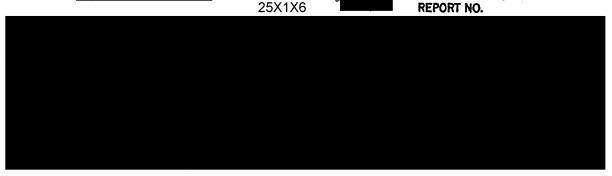
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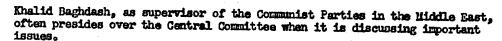
1. The Central Committee (Lajnah Markasiyyah)

a. Members of the Central Committee

The Central Committee of the Communist Party is composed of the following members:

Nicola Shawi Farajallah Hilu Fulad Qasan Hashim Amin Hasan Quraytim Yusuf Khattar Hilu Mayer Mas'ad Mustafa 'Aris Artin Madoyan Wadi Nasrallah Murshid Saliba

Nasib Nimr (believed to have replaced Antun Tabit) Tannus Divab



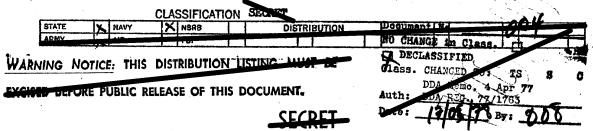
(Field Comment. This Central Committee list differs greatly from an earlier one which montioned Emily Faris Ibrahim, Michel Baddurah and Antum Tabit. Concerning Emily Faris Ibrahim, one source stated that the CP considered such persons more useful when kept out of the Party's main activities。)

Meetings of the Central Committee

The meetings of the Central Committee are held at the following places:

Office of Antun Tabit

Former home of late Umar Fakhuri



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Home of Elias Qazan Mazra'a Quarter

Home of Elias Bitar Ashrafiyyah

Home of Hashim Amin Dakwanah

Home of Khalil Hilu Sin al-Fil

Home of Elias Shahin Antelias

Home of Bisharah Barakat Beit Meri

or, at night, meetings may be held at one of a number of coffee shops.

Normally the Central Committee meets once a month, but during periods of emergency or under exceptional circumstances it may meet more frequently.

2. Political Bureau (al-Maktab al-Giyasi)

- a. The Political Bureau is composed of three or four members of the Central Committee who prepare and discuss important political affairs at Central Committee meetings and who are responsible for Party correspondence and communications.
- b. During periods of emergency, it also has the authority to make decisions for transmission to the local committees or sections.
- c. The Political Bureau is now composed of the following:

Nicola Shawi Fu'ad Qazan Hasan Quraytim Farajallah Hilu

3. Local Committees (Lajnah Muhalliyah)

a. Central Committee's Relations with the Local Committees

Subordinate to the Central Committee are the Local Committees.
Every Local Committee includes one representative of the Central
Committee who passes on Central Committee instructions and decisions
and is responsible for their implementation and for the Local
Committee's administration. This representative may have assistants
assigned to help him manage the affairs of the Local Committee,
but he must first submit a list of names of prospective assistants
to the Central Committee for its approval.

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b. Location of Local Committees

The Local Committees of the Communist Party are located in the following districts:

1) District of Beirut and Mount Lebanon

Beirut

 District of the Biqa' (Consists of Qadahs of Rashayyah, Ba'lbek, al-Harmal, and Zahle)

Zahle

 District of South Lebanon (Consists of Qadahs of Sidon, Tyre, and Marja'yun)

Jdeidi (Marja'yun)

h) District of North Lebanon (Consists of Qadahs of Kura, al-Batrum, Akkar, Zghorta, and Tripoli)

Tripoli

c. Composition

The Local Committees are composed of eight members who are usually secretaries of the sections (firqah) in the District. However, they are sometimes appointed by the Central Committee and may be members who hold no other Party positions. As was mentioned previously, it is also essential that one of the Local Committee members be also a member of the Central Committee.

The Secretary of the Local Committee is usually in charge, but on special occasions a representative of the Central Committee assumes control, upon presenting a written order from the Central Committee to the Secretary.

d. Authority

The authority of the Local Committee is restricted to the activities of the Sections (firqah) and Cells (khaliyah) in their District. The Sections and Cells receive their instructions from the Local Committee and submit all reports on meetings to the Local Committee of the District.

The Local Committee may meet at any time and is authorized to hold meetings in places other than its headquarters. Under normal circumstances, the Local Committee may meet several times a month, or under exceptional circumstances it may meet twice a week.





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d. (continued)

During a Local Committee meeting, the suggestions and directives of the Central Committee Representative must not be opposed. If a member of the Local Committee offers any objection or opposition, he will eventually be placed under secret surveillance, and if he is found to be acting against Party interests, the Central Committee will consider his expulsion.

e. Members of the Local Committee for Beirut

Members of the Local Committee of the Beirut District are:

Murshid Saliba
Nasib Nimr
Habib Habib
Michel Haddad
As'ad 'Aql
Muhammad Ahmad Ma'tuq
Saj'an Saj'an
Antonette Khuri
George Mansi
Emile George Trad
Yusuf Khattar Hilu (replaced by Hasan Quraytim?)
Elias al-Bawari

4. Sections (Firqah)

a. Origin and Functions

The Section was introduced to Party structure in Beirut and Tripoli in 1942 to bring all members of one profession together in one section. Since 1934, moreover, Party organization in Beirut had been based on the labor movement.

Meetings of the Sections in the cities, particularly in Beirut, must be held once a week, and a report on the subjects discussed must be submitted to the Local Committees.

Before the Labor Council of a labor union meets, its Communist Section holds a meeting and decides what line to take at the Labor Council gathering. By its unity, the Communist section is thus able to control the decisions of the Council even though it contains a non-Communist majority.

b. Secretaries of the Communist Section of Beirut

Wafiq Jalul Secretary of Mechanics Section

Arif Khashm Secretary of Small Stores Owners Section

Mustafa Ma'tuq Secretary of Barbers Section

Hanna Zarqa Secretary of Typesetters First Section

Michel 'Azar Secretary of Typesetters Second Section

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Elias Bisharah Bawari

Secretary of the Typesetters Third

Section

Ahmad Jalul

Secretary of Restaurant Workers

Section

Sayyid Karam

Secretary of the Barbers Second

Section

George Furayhah

Secretary of Carpenters Section

Barjis Abu-Salih

Secretary of Carpenters Second

Section

George Qazan

Secretary of Tiles Workers Section

Muhyi-al-Din

Ghazzawi.

Secretary of Port Workers Section

Muhammad 'Akkawi

Secretary of Bakers Section

Garabet Jiknavorian

Secretary of Transay Workers

Section

As'ad 'Aql

Secretary of Trammay Workers

Second Section

Shakib Bayruti

Secretary of Wood Polishers

Section

Antoinette Khuri

Secretary of the Womens' Section

at Ashrifiyyah Quarter

Jeannette Qazan

Secretary of the Womens' Section at

Mazra'a Quarter. Wife 25X1A6a of George Qazan, and only distantly, if at all, related to Fu'ad Qazan.)

5. Cells (Khaliyyah)

A Cell is usually composed of five to nine persons and is divided into a number of cells as the membership increases. The relationship of the Cell to the Section has yet to be clarified. In addition, it is not known whether Calls exist at all in Beirut and Tripoli, or whether they have been replaced by Sections.)

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6. Armenian Branch's Relation to the Communist Party Proper

In 1934 the Comintern issued a directive creating the Armenian Branch of the Party, headed by /rtin Madoyan; member of the Central Committee of the Lebanese CP. In time, however, Madoyan's contacts with the Armenians decreased, although he remained the member of the Lebanese Central Committee responsible for execution of decisions concerning the Armenian Branch. A special Local Committee was then formed with Channes Aghabashian as General Secretary. Aghabashian's knowledge of Arabic later led to his appointment as liaison between the Central Committee and the Armenian Branch.